



**COUNTY OF ERIE - DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL**  
Invites applications for the position of:

**Investigating Public Health Sanitarian-  
Trainee #61-923 OPEN**

**SALARY:** \$33,500.00 - \$43,678.00 Annually

**OPENING  
DATE:** 09/05/14

**CLOSING  
DATE:** 09/24/14

**DESCRIPTION:**

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS:** CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN LEGAL RESIDENTS OF ERIE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN TEST AND MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF ERIE COUNTY AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT. Currently there are three vacancies and three anticipated vacancies at the Erie County Health Department.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

An *Investigating Public Health Sanitarian Trainee* assists sanitarians and engineers in carrying out various elements of prevention and control programs affecting the Public Health; trains to conduct environmental health investigations to determine compliance with Public Health Laws, New York State Sanitary Code and applicable sections of the Social Services Law and regulations; trains to make routine and follow-up inspections of sanitary and safety conditions of camps, hotels lodging and boarding houses, temporary residences, mobile home parks, swimming pools and other premises including various facilities such as public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, public health nuisance complaints and general sanitation; trains to perform routine and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling, food service, dishwashing and disinfection of dishes and utensils to determine compliance with State and local Sanitary Codes; collects samples for laboratory analysis; trains to make routine and follow-up inspections of nuisances, mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborage and related matters; trains to make routine and follow-up inspections of day care centers as requested by the Department of Children and Family Services; assists in assembling documentation in cases of non-compliance; assists in preparation and issuing of Notices of Violations for deficiencies; maintains records and completes inspection reports; performs other tasks related to inspections, including but not limited to, explaining violations and trying to obtain voluntary compliance; trains to perform surveys of neighborhoods and premises to determine potential health and safety risks, such as infestations, etc; contacts individuals and groups to provide information on environmental health programs and make referrals for additional community resources; trains to investigate complaints from the public, such as reports of animal bites or rodent infestations on premises; assists in community education material preparation and distribution; assists in the preparation of materials and devices for carrying out investigations of potential health and safety risks.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must meet one of the following requirements on or before the date of the written test: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four year college or university with a bachelor's degree, including or supplemented by 30 semester credit hours in the physical and biological sciences and/or relevant applied sciences. Up to 12 credit hours in the applied sciences listed below may be credited toward the required 30 hours.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Candidates must possess a valid New York State Driver's License and have automotive transportation available for use at the time of appointment.

**NOTES:** 1. Physical and biological sciences include courses in organic and inorganic chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analyses, biochemistry, astronomy, meteorology, geology, hydrology, earth science, physics, biology, microbiology, botany, zoology and other related courses concerning the study of living organisms. Relevant applied sciences include science-based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control and food science. 2. Verifiable part-time and/or volunteer experience will be pro-rated toward meeting the experience requirements.

**Notice to Candidates: Transcripts will now be accepted by the Department of Personnel ONLY at time of application.  
All subsequent transcripts must be submitted at time of interview.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

A medical examination may be required before appointment.

**VETERANS: PROOF OF SERVICE MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE LIST IS ESTABLISHED  
TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL POINTS. (See application for more information.)**

**NOTICES TO APPEAR FOR THE EXAMINATION ARE MAILED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EXAMINATION DATE  
NO CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED AT THE EXAM SITE.**

**EXAMINATION DATE  
OCTOBER 25, 2014**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE  
POSTMARKED BY  
September 24, 2014**

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm)

**SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:** A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. **EVALUATING INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE:** These questions test the candidates' abilities to evaluate and draw conclusions from information and evidence. Each question consists of a set of facts and a conclusion based on the facts. The candidate must decide if a conclusion is warranted by the facts.
2. **APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES AND KNOWLEDGE TO PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION:** These questions test for knowledge of public and environmental health principles, the ability to investigate and identify the causes of various public and environmental health problems, and to recommend the appropriate remedial actions for such problems.
3. **PREPARING WRITTEN MATERIAL:** These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.
4. **BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, AND GENERAL SCIENCE:** These questions test for knowledge of elementary concepts and principles in the fields of general science, biology, and chemistry.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** Unless otherwise noted, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers", "Personal Digital Assistants", "Address Books", "Language Translators", "Dictionaries", or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES WHO ARE ALSO TAKING ANOTHER CIVIL SERVICE EXAM(S) ON THIS DATE (See Below)**  
(IF YOU ARE TAKING 2 OR MORE ERIE COUNTY EXAMS ON THIS DATE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CALL)

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

**APPLICATION FORMS:** You may obtain these forms in person at the Erie County Personnel Department, Rath County Office Building, 95 Franklin St., Buffalo. Forms are also available in the libraries and at Town, Village and School District administrative offices.

Mail your application form when completed to the Erie County Department of Personnel, 95 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY 14202.

Candidates who submit incomplete applications and documentation may be disqualified. The Erie County Department of Personnel reserves the right to reject for lateness or to accept applications filed after the advertised filing period.

**MILITARY STATUS:** Active duty military personnel may file an application for this exam. A special military make-up examination will be conducted for any member of the armed forces of the United States who has duly filed a timely application but who was deprived of the opportunity to compete in the scheduled exam due to active military duty. Special conditions apply to these requests and may be reviewed at the Erie County Department of Personnel.

**VETERANS:** Disabled and non-disabled veterans as defined in Section 85, New York State Civil Service Law, will have 10 and 5 points, respectively added to their earned scores if successful in the examination. You must claim these credits when you file application but you have an option to waive them any time prior to appointment. If you have already used these credits for a permanent position in NYS, you may not claim them again.

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, **CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY** shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Applicants whose religious beliefs prevent their taking examinations before sundown on Saturday and physically handicapped candidates who require special examination facilities should so inform the Erie County Department of Personnel, by a separately mailed letter at the earliest possible date before the test.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. **\*\*For this exam, please complete and submit an Erie County EXAMS CROSS-FILER Form with your Erie County exam application to alert Erie County Civil Service about your additional exams being held at other locations on the same day.\*\*** The Cross-Filer Form is found online at: [www2.erie.gov/employment/index.php?q=applications](http://www2.erie.gov/employment/index.php?q=applications) or call (716) 858-8484. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations.

**ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION:** Notice to appear for the test will be conditional as review of application for minimum requirements may not be made until after the written test. Call or write this Department if you have not received your notice 3 days before the date of the test. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice.

**RATINGS REQUIRED:** Tests are rated on a scale of 100 with a passing mark at 70. Unless the announcement states otherwise, you must pass the written test and the oral test, if any. Test instructions may further divide the tests into parts and set minimum standards for each part.

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** If a subject of the examination, training and experience may not be rated if all passing candidates are expected to be immediately reachable for appointment. If rated, training and experience will be based on the statements in your application subject to verification. If this examination includes a qualifying written test, candidates admitted to the test will have conditional approval only. Final decision regarding the qualifications of candidates rests with the New York State Department of Civil Service.

**MEDICAL EXAMINATION:** You may be required to take a medical examination to determine if you are medically and physically capable of performing the duties of the position.

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In accordance with State Law, Governor's Executive Order 6, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended the County of Erie does not discriminate against handicapped persons in access to employment, during employment, or in any of its programs and activities

**VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates may be investigated or called for an interview to verify information contained on the application. Verifiable part-time and/or volunteer experience may be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** The eligible list resulting from an examination may also be used for appointment to the same title or to any other title deemed to be similar and appropriate. Eligible lists are active for a minimum of one year and a maximum of four years from the date established.

**Background Investigation:** Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification. Applicants may be required to pay a fee for the investigation.

**NOTE:** Fingerprints are sometimes required at the time of appointment. When they are required, the fee involved must be paid by the appointee.

**\*\*IMPORTANT APPLICATION FEE –  
READ CAREFULLY\*\***

A \$20.00 filing fee is required for this exam. The required fee must accompany your application. Send or bring check or money order made payable to Erie County Personnel Department and write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. Do not send or bring cash, as the County cannot be responsible for cash payment. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. The form is available at the Erie County Personnel Department, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY (Room 604) or can be downloaded from the County's website at [www.erie.gov](http://www.erie.gov). Click on "County Departments and Agencies", then "Erie County Civil Service".

This examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service, and held in compliance with the New York State Civil Service Law and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service.

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